

I claim:

1. A two-stage fishing bobber comprising:

a bobber main body having an upper end and a lower end, said bobber main body made from a buoyant lightweight material to enable said bobber main body to float in a body of water, said bobber main body having a cavity running through a vertical float axis of said bobber main body;

a hollow free sliding tube having an upper end and a lower end, said hollow free sliding tube slideably extending through the cavity of said bobber main body, with said hollow tube allowing for movement of a fishing line therethrough;

1 0 a compression spring having a first end and a second end, encircling the upper end of said hollow free sliding tube;

a stop cap, connected to the upper end of said hollow free sliding tube, to keep said spring encircling said hollow free sliding tube;

1 5 a free sliding washer located around said free sliding tube and supported by said bobber main body, said compression spring positioned between said stop cap and said free sliding washer so that a downward pull by a fish on the fishing line compresses said spring to displace said free sliding tube with respect to said bobber main body without submerging said upper end of said bobber main body; and

2 0 a fixed stop connected to said lower end of said free sliding tube to prevent said tube from sliding through said bobber main body.

2. A two-stage fishing bobber responsive to different fishing forces comprising:

a bobber main body having an upper end and a lower end, said bobber main body normally buoyable in a body of water, said bobber main body having an opening extending 2 5 through a vertical float axis of said bobber main body; and

a slideable rod, said slideable rod slidably positioned in the cavity of said bobber main body, said slideable rod supporting a fishing line thereon with said slideable rod

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normally resiliently maintained in said bobber main body in an up position but downwardly displaceable with respect to said bobber main body in response to a first force on the fishing line which is sufficient to displace said slideable rod with respect to said bobber main body but not sufficient for a viewer to discern the displacement of the bobber main body with respect to the body of water to thereby provide a first-stage visually indication, said bobber main body and said slideable rod both displaceable into the body of water in response to a second force larger than said first force to thereby provide a second-stage visual indication.

10 3. The two stage bobber of claim 2 wherein a force to displace the slideable rod with respect to the bobber main body is sufficiently large so as to overcome at least a partial buoyancy force of the main body to thereby provide for simultaneously submersion of the bobber main body and gradual displacement of the slideable rod with respect to the bobber main body.

15 4. The two-stage bobber of claim 2 wherein the displacement of said slideable rod with respect to said bobber main body is at least 2 times the displacement of the bobber main body in the body of water.

20 5. The two-stage bobber of claimed in claim 2 including a spring for resiliently maintaining said slideable rod in an up position in said bobber main body.

6. The two-stage bobber of claimed in claim 2 wherein said rod is buoyant for resiliently maintaining said rod in an up position in said bobber main body.

25 7. The two-stage bobber of claimed in claim 2 including a stop cap on an upper end of said slideable rod to maintain said slideable rod in said bobber main body.

8. The two-stage bobber of claimed in claim 2 including a fixed stop on a lower end of said slideable rod to maintain said slideable rod in said bobber main body.

5 9. The two-stage bobber of claimed in claim 5 wherein said spring is a compression spring.

10. The two-stage bobber of claimed in claim 5 wherein said spring is a tension spring.

10 11. The two-stage bobber of claim 2 wherein said rod has a solid center and said member for engaging a fishing line is located on a lower end of said rod includes a slit with a spring encircling the slit to lock the fishing line therein.

15 12. The two-stage bobber of claim 2 wherein said rod has a hollow center allowing for a fishing line to run therethrough and a fishing line engaging member having an opening which allows an unknotted fishing line to slide through but can be blocked from sliding therethrough by a knot on the fishing line.

20 13. The two-stage bobber of claim 5 wherein said lower end of said rod includes a compression spring to dampen upward movement of the slideable rod as the slideable rod returns to the up position.

25 14. The two-stage bobber of claim 5 wherein a stop cap is attached to the upper end of said rod to maintain said rod in said bobber main body so that a downward pull by a fish on the fishing line compresses said spring to displace said free moving rod with respect to said bobber main body

15. The two-stage bobber of claim 2 wherein an upper end of said rod contains a set of brightly colored contrasting bands.

16. The two-stage bobber of claim 5 including a resilient chemiluminescence capsule holder supported by said bobber main body to provide for nighttime fishing.

17. The two-stage bobber of claim 10 wherein an upper end of said rod is tapered.

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18. A two-stage fishing bobber responsive to different fishing forces comprising:
a bobber main body, said bobber main body providing a buoyant force to normally maintain the bobber main body in a floating condition; and
a member resiliently displaceable with respect to said bobber main body in response to a force on said member with the force on said member sufficient to overcome at least some if not all of the buoyant force of the bobber main body to thereby allow the simultaneous submersion of the bobber main body and the displacement of the member with respect to the bobber main body so as to provide gradual resistance.

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19. The two stage fishing bobber of claim 18 wherein the force to displace said member to a down position is substantially equal to the buoyant force of the bobber main body so that the when the member is in the down position the bobber main body is submerged.

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20. The two stage fishing bobber of claim 18 wherein the resiliently displaceable member comprises a spring having a spring constant that is about equal to the spring constant of the bobber in water or the total force to compress the spring with respect to the bobber main body is approximately equal to the total force to submerge the bobber main body and the resiliently displaceable member.